

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

May 27, 2003

LB 407, 540, 759

to keep my part of the bargain. I presented an alternative to the body, and I said that in my proposal I needed LB 540. I thank Senator Raikes and the Education Committee for their effort. And here we are. If we don't override the budget, I can't say that I did what I said I would do. So from a standpoint of where I am at, I'm going to vote to override the Governor. I think there are some things in this proposal that do make it a little better, a little more palatable for the citizens of the state. And I do trust those local boards that are going to have to make the decision about how they deal with the decisions that we've made. But I will also stand up in a larger sense and in a greater sense, and kind of mirror what I've heard from other members today. We have moved the house. And I would say that we have all moved the house. Granted, we have not moved the house as far as some of us would like. But similar to what we heard last session, and the last special session, and now in this session, it is my sincere desire, by the time that next year is completed, that the promises that we have made to remodeling that house happen, and happen in a real sense. Because as I look at this state...I'm 26 years old...I am that person that you're talking about when you're talking about why we need a quality education, because I've benefited from that. But I also get to pay the bill, for many years, many years. And because of that, I will stand on this floor of the Legislature and I will do what I think is in the best interest of this state long-term. I do not disagree with the effort that has been put into LB 407 or LB 759. I do disagree with the outcome in the numbers. I do disagree in the underlying philosophy and strategy. But I will continue to do what I said I would do, and that is represent the citizens that sent me here. And because of that, and my efforts this session to provide the alternative that I thought was something I would be willing to support, I am going to be willing to support the override on LB 540. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I'm going to vote to override the Governor's veto on this bill also. And it...I look at the schools in my district. And none of them, none of them are up to the maximum of \$1.00 on their levy